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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIROCHIKA MATSUOKA )  
Application No.: 09/628,347 )  
Filed: July 28, 2000 )  
For: PATCH IMAGE PREPARATION )  
METHOD AND RECORDING )  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 6.

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